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GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY TO HOST CEREMONIAL LIGHTING OF IDAHO'S CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter invite all Idahoans to join them on the evening of Monday, November 26th, for a celebration of the holiday season at the ceremonial lighting of Idaho's Capitol Christmas Tree.

"We are looking forward to a fun evening to kick off the holiday season with good cheer, great music and charitable giving," Governor Otter said. "This is a wonderful time for families and friends to gather together for good company and goodwill."

The Governor and First Lady will help Make-A-Wish Idaho kick off its Season of Giving campaign, in an effort to raise enough funds to grant wishes to Idaho children with life-threatening illnesses.

"So often, we take our good health for granted. We need to be aware of the challenges that families face on a daily basis when they have a child with a serious medical problem," the First Lady said. "I am encouraging everyone to help lighten the load and brighten a family's spirits by making a contribution toward a child's wish."

Boise radio station 107.9 Lite FM radio personalities Lisa Adams and Joe E. King will serve as masters of ceremonies for the evening on the front steps of the Capitol. The 25th Army Band will begin entertaining at 5 p.m. while guests enjoy complimentary cookies and hot chocolate or hot cider. The tree-lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Governor, First Lady and Idaho's constitutional officers and music by the Andrus Ambassador Honor Choir from Meridian's Cecil D. Andrus Elementary School and the Coeur d'Alene Chamber Choir from Coeur d'Alene High School.

Guests are invited into the Capitol after the Christmas tree is lighted. Music will continue and free books will be given to children in attendance, compliments of First Lady Lori Otter and Scholastic, Inc. Guests are encouraged to visit the Governor's Ceremonial Office and the Capitol Gift Shop, where Idaho's 2012 State Christmas ornament will be available, along with other items crafted by Idaho artists.

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